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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Michigan Supreme Court considers convicted shooter's constitutional challenge in oral arguments this week; Court to hear nine other cases

[Press release](#)

Detroit Free Press: Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway to retire after complaint about private real estate transactions

"Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway announced her retirement from the bench Monday after the Judicial Tenure Commission filed a complaint and sought her immediate suspension, alleging she committed "blatant and brazen" misconduct violations in connection with private real estate transactions."

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Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Editorial: Making the most of Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway's exit

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The Detroit News: Michigan Supreme Court Justice Hathaway to retire amid scandal

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Crain's Detroit Business Blog: Reorder in the court: The contenders to replace Justice Hathaway

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Chicago Tribune: Embattled Michigan Supreme Court judge to quit amid ethics probe

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Huffington Post: Diane Hathaway Retires: Michigan Supreme Court Justice Gives Resignation After Scandal

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Legal Newsline: Michigan SC Justice resigns amid allegations

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MLive.com: How Michigan Supreme Court opening will be filled in wake of Diane Hathaway departure

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New York Times: Embattled Michigan Supreme Court Judge to Quit Amid Ethics Probe

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USA Today: Justice says she'll retire after problems in fraud case

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Washington Post: Lawyers say Michigan Supreme Court Justice Hathaway retiring amid fraud investigation

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Yahoo! News (blog): Embattled Michigan Supreme Court judge to quit amid ethics probe

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Note: Articles also ran in several news outlets including CBS Detroit, Crain's Detroit Business, Grand Haven Tribune, Interlochen Public Radio, Iron Mountain Daily News, Livingston Daily Press and Argus, Michigan Radio, Morning Sun, Oakland Press, State Bar of Michigan Blog, Traverse City Record-Eagle, WDIV, WKAR, WXYZ

Daily Press & Argus: Howell attorney renews request to have judge off double-murder case

"A Howell attorney who asked the Livingston County prosecutor's office to try to recuse a judge from hearing a double-murder case in Livingston County has renewed his request."

[Full story](#)

Ingham County Legal News: Barb Byrum sworn in as Ingham County Clerk

"Early on January 2nd, Barb Byrum, newly elected Ingham County Clerk, was sworn into office by Hon. Thomas Boyd, 55th District Court Judge. The ceremony took place at the Ingham County Courthouse in Mason, MI."

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio: Stateside: Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly discusses retirement, serving Michigan

"Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly retired this week. The 74-year-old Kelly couldn't run again because the State Constitution bars judicial candidates from seeking office if they're over 70 years of age."

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MLive.com: Judge rules in favor of Plainwell schools in bond refinancing case

"An Ingham County judge has ruled in favor of Plainwell Community Schools in its lawsuit against the Michigan Department of Treasury over the state's resistance to allowing Plainwell to refinance about \$9.6 million in construction bonds. Ingham County Circuit Judge Rosemarie Aquilina ruled that the Treasury Department must qualify the Plainwell bonds for refinancing, a necessary step for the refinancing to occur."

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Also see:

MLive.com: Treasury Department reviewing options in lawsuit involving Plainwell Community Schools

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MLive.com: Judge overrules Flint emergency manager's order on retiree prescription drugs; City appealing decision

"A judge has overturned changes to city retirees' prescription drug plans that were ordered by former emergency manager Michael Brown. Genesee County Circuit Judge Archie Hayman ruled that Brown's order was unconstitutional because it is in direct violation of a 2002 settlement agreement protected as a contract under the Michigan Constitution, according to his written opinion. The city is appealing the decision to the Michigan Court of Appeals, said Flint City Attorney Peter Bade."

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MLive.com: Muskegon's newest judge takes case of man charged with attempted gunpoint robbery of retired judge

"Muskegon County 14th Circuit Judge Annette Smedley has been assigned the case of Romero Geonee Neal, who is charged with robbing retired Muskegon County Probate Judge Tom Linck at gunpoint, after all her colleagues recused themselves."

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MLive.com: Federal judge orders that twice-convicted murderer get new trial in Van Buren County or be released

"Twice, a jury has found Junior Fred Blackston guilty of shooting Charles Miller in the head in 1988 and burying the 22-year-old Van Buren County man in rural Allegan County. Now, it appears, Blackston, who was convicted of Miller's slaying in 2001 and again in 2002, will have his case heard for a third time in Van Buren County Circuit Court."

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Muskegon County Legal News: Annette Smedley assumes position as Muskegon County's first female circuit court judge

"It was standing room only on December 28 at Annette Smedley's investiture as Muskegon County Circuit Judge. Friends, family, associates, and a large number of the judiciary were present for the ceremony."

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